



### **Commercial Office and Retail**

Locations and types of office and commercial areas within the corridor are varied in nature. Within the central city of urban areas, office and commercial uses often utilize existing unique buildings within downtown areas while commercial developments at the periphery of urban areas are most often of a strip-development type. Larger commercial uses such as big box retail and equipment dealers are most often located on or near STH 26 or other state highways at the periphery of the urban area. These areas exhibit varied levels of visual quality depending upon building type maintenance and location.



### **Historic Places**

Several historic homes and sites are present within the STH 26 corridor. These structures offer both visually distinctive character and educational value to residents and visitors of the area. These areas typically exhibit a high level of visual quality.



**Central Business District**

Within the project corridor the central business districts of many of the urban areas are typically compact in character and are distinguished by a mixture of old and new buildings. The existing route of STH 26 travels through the central business districts of Milton, Jefferson and Watertown. These areas serve both the residents within the city or village limits, as well as those in the surrounding rural areas. The central business districts typically establish much of the identity of each city and village within the corridor.





### **Recreation and Public Open Spaces**

Within the corridor, there are many public and private recreation areas and public open space sites. Golf courses and city parks typically serve local populations while county fairgrounds and wildlife preservation sites serve regional and statewide populations.



### **Wetlands and Waterways**

The Rock River and its tributaries are the dominant waterways in the corridor. They pass through many of the urban areas of the corridor. Several lakes are present within the corridor providing both active recreation areas and scenic beauty to the area.

### **Woodlands**

Woodlands are present in small tracts throughout the corridor. Woodlands are typically found along waterways, along property lines, in low-lying areas, and atop glacial drumlins. Woodlands in this area are typically oak-hickory forest remnants.



**Agricultural Lands – Cropfields and Pastures**

Predominantly used for cultivated row crops and dairy pastures, the lands within the project corridor are both highly productive and provide the pastoral character that is highly regarded by the residents of the area. Views are often of open fields punctuated by picturesque farmsteads, woodlots, waterways, or other natural features.